



Books of the Bible - Lesson 1

SKIT

Principle: The Bible is God's Word for us. His Word should be what shapes our view of Him and what informs every aspect of our lives.

Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 3:16



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, consider the role God's Word plays in your life. Is the Bible what shapes your view of God and informs your every decision? Do you believe that the Bible is true, and is truly God's Word for us?

Some people don't believe that the Bible is true and accurate. Some say that even if it were true from the start, all the copies and versions we now have couldn't possibly be correct after all these years. But the Bible is the most tested written material of all time. To determine if ancient texts are accurate, historians have gathered up all the versions (even just bits and pieces) available and compared them to what we have today to see if they match.

After the Bible, the *Iliad* by Homer is the most examined ancient text. With 643 samples to compare, the *Iliad* is considered to be 95% accurate. The Bible, on the other hand, has 5600 samples to compare and is 99.5% accurate. It's clear that by academic standards, the Bible is accurate, but we don't have to stop there; we could also look at all the archeological proof of its historical truth, from evidence of the flood to the order of all the kings and leaders found outside the Bible.

For years, critics pointed to the fact that nothing had ever been found to confirm King David's existence, but in 1993 archeologists found proof of it outside the Bible. At an ancient mound called Tel Dan ("mound of Dan" – Dan is mentioned in the Bible as the northernmost city in Israel), words carved into a chunk of basalt were translated as "House of David" and "King of Israel," proving King David was more than just a legend. New evidence of the Bible's accuracy and authenticity is found time and time again.

So, how do we share with our campers how the Bible impacts our lives?

How do we share that with our students? Do they know that the Bible:

- Was inspired by God, yet is a collection of 66 books written by 40 plus men over a period of 2000 years.

- That the Bible is one story, God's story.
- That the Bible is completely true and reliable.
- That the Bible is personal. It is how God reveals Himself to each of us, how He has chosen to direct us individually.
- That the Bible, God's Word, should be the authority in a believer's life.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Books of the Bible

Give each cabin a piece of paper and pencil. Have them write down as many books of the Bible they can in a minute (without looking them up). The winning cabin is the one who correctly lists the most books in a minute. In case of a tie, ask the tied cabins to write down the number of books in the Bible (66) and whoever comes closest wins.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Have you ever been in a sticky situation and you just don't know what to do? You don't know what's right (or wrong)? You may feel like you don't have the answer because it is really hard to do the right thing. For example, maybe you need to do a better job telling the truth ALL of the time not just sometimes; or maybe you need to work on not being selfish with your friends. Sometimes you might find yourself not wanting to obey what your parents have asked you to do. Well, God's Word – which is called what? (Allow the audience to respond with "The Bible!") - gives us all of the answers we need to know who God is and how He wants us to live.

6) Skit

ProPresenter:

Books of the Bible graphic

Characters:

Jetterbob

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

Staff Member #3

Script:

(Jetterbob walks in frustrated after getting in a fight with surfer dude. Face the audience and speak to the kids directly)

Jetterbob: Wow, what a rough day. I decided to go surfing this morning and at the beach I saw surfer dude and another friend of ours. I ran into the water and paddled as fast as I could to catch the biggest wave, so I could impress them. I saw a huge wave approaching and next thing I know, I was riding it! I was so awesome! Then something happened and – BOOM! – I crashed. Bad. As I walked back up the beach I saw surfer dude and our other friend laughing at me and making fun of me. I didn't know what to do so I ran back to my car and left. Surfer dude was supposed to be my friend and now he's making fun of me. That made me really mad, but I didn't know what to say to him. I need to get some advice before I see him again.

Staff Member #1 enters

Jetterbob: Hey_____ I gotta ask you something. So here's my problem: I'm really angry with surfer dude because he made fun of me when I fell on my surfboard. What do you think I should do?

Staff Member #1: Well, Jetterbob, I definitely think you should get back at him. Maybe you could prank him while he is at the pool or make fun of him at school tomorrow in front of everyone. Do something that totally makes him regret making fun of you and he won't do it ever again.

Jetterbob: Hmmmm I don't really think that's the best thing to do, but I'll keep it in mind. Thanks, _____.

Staff Members #2 and #3 enter

Jetterbob: Hey, you guys. I need your help. I got in a fight with surfer dude because he was making fun of me when I fell on my surfboard. How do you think I should handle it?

Staff Member #2: Oh, that's horrible Jetterbob. I wouldn't be his friend anymore. I would ignore him and not talk to him ever again. He'll feel so bad for what he did.

Jetterbob: I don't know about that. I mean I still want him to be my friend. I just want him to know that what he did really hurt my feelings. What do you think _____?

Staff Member #3: Well, Jetterbob, I think you should look at Scripture. The Bible is God's word to us. It's His story – it tells us all about Him and through learning more about God, we can see how He wants us to live our lives. EVERY day. What does the Bible say you do in a situation like this? The Bible should be your guide on how to live out your life.

Jetterbob: That's the best idea I've heard all day! Thanks _____. I'm going to go look at Scripture and see how to apply to the situation I'm in with Surfer Dude.

Everyone exits.

7) Close

Have an adult come back up to pray.

Let's pray. Thank You, Lord, for giving us the Bible. Help us use it to guide us through our every day life to glorify You through our actions. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Explain that we will be spending three weeks learning about the Bible – how it is written, organized, why it is important, who wrote it, what do we do with it, memorizing it, etc. Dismiss cabins.



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